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**Gov. Perdue Announces Five More Companies Received Contract Based on
New State Preference for N.C. Businesses**

RALEIGH – Gov. Bev Perdue today announced that five more companies have been awarded a state contract thanks to a new preference for in-state businesses. In February, Gov. Perdue signed [Executive Order 50](#) that directs the Dept. of Administration to develop price-matching procedures for North Carolina resident bidders on state contracts for the purchase of goods.

“It’s critical that we do everything we can to support our home-grown businesses,” said Perdue. North Carolina businesses employ our friends, our neighbors and our family members. The preferences for in-state businesses will save jobs and help North Carolina businesses grow and create new jobs.”

Qualified North Carolina companies whose bid is within five percent or \$10,000 of the lowest bid, whichever is less, are given the opportunity to match the price of an out of state low bidder and be awarded contracts with the State of North Carolina.

Recent awards include:

- Richardson’s Safety Equipment Inc. from High Point price matched a bid worth \$8320.30 for the Dept. of Correction. The company’s original bid was only \$39.70 behind a company from New York.
- United Restaurant Equipment Corp. from Raleigh price matched a bid worth \$5,541 for the Dept. of Correction. The company’s original bid was only \$76.50 behind a company from Maryland.